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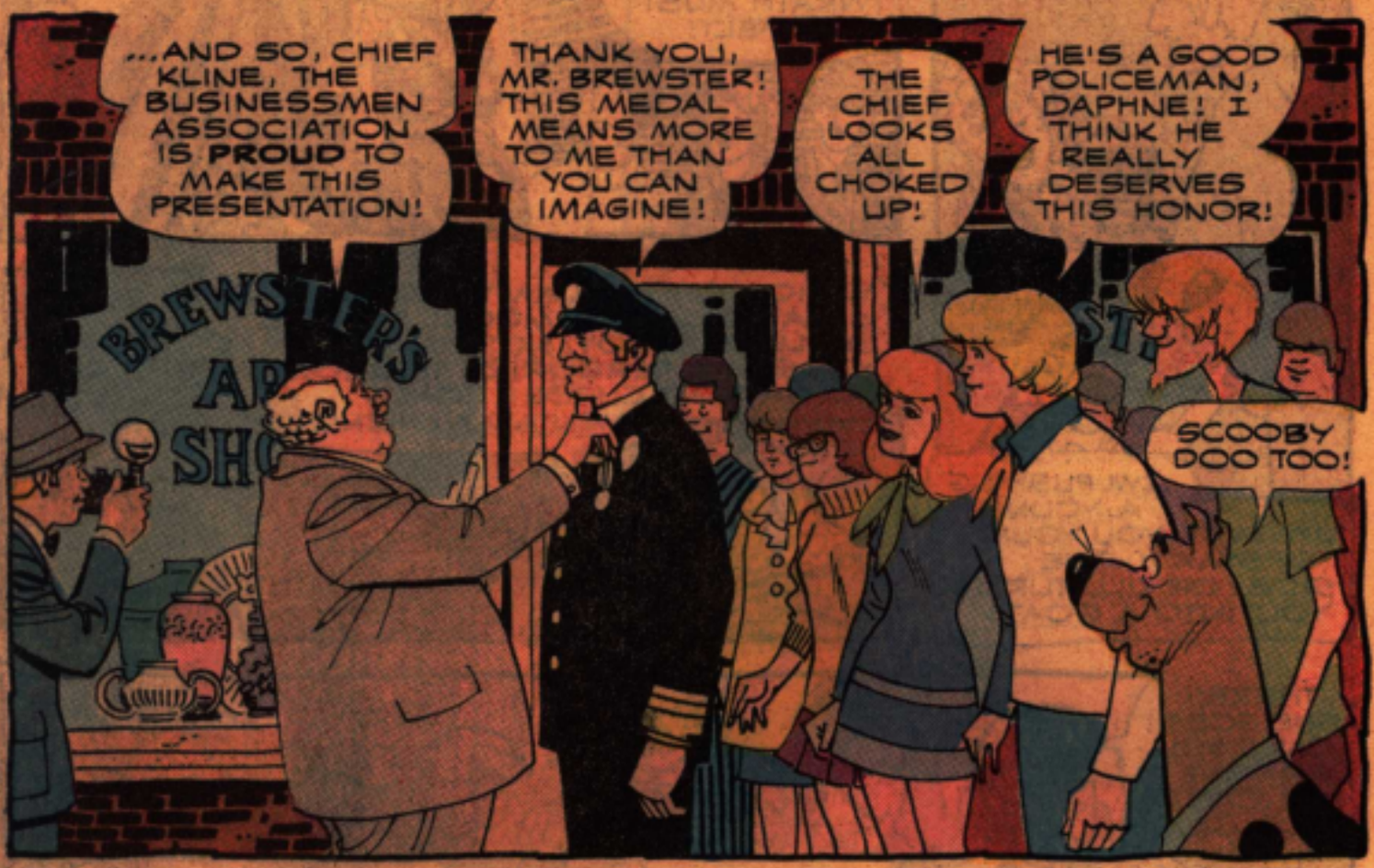

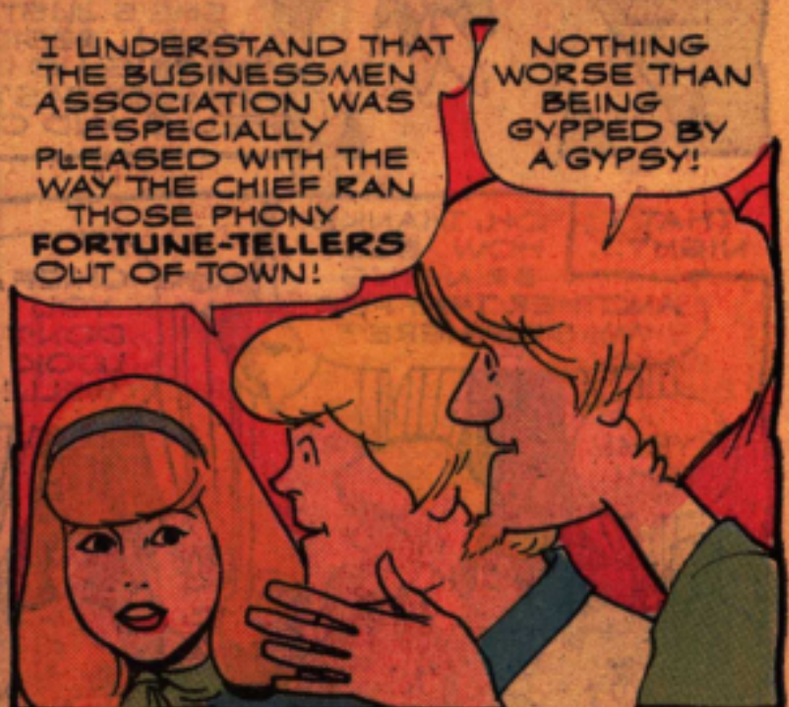

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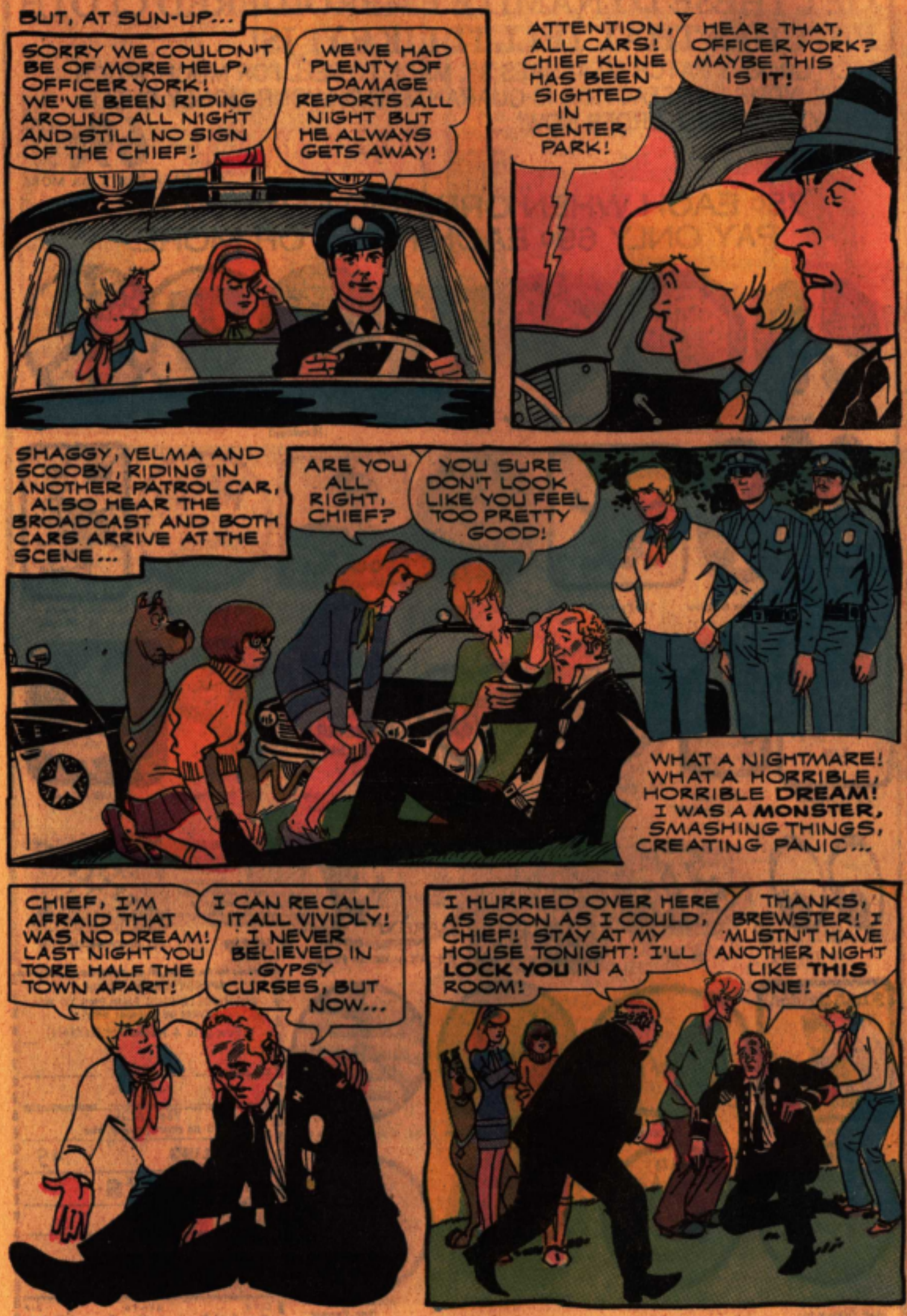
HEY, WHO ARE YOU PUSHING?
I'M PUSHING A YOUNG UPSTART, YOU YOUNG UPSTART! ONE SIDE, OR I'LL TURN YOU INTO A GOAT!
EGALA VANTALLA GHENO! HEAR ME, SPIRITS, AND DO MY BIDDING! THERE IS ONE HERE UPON WHOM OUR WRATH MUST BE FELT!
MINION OF THE LAW WHO DROVE MY KIN AWAY... UPON MOONLIGHT YOU SHALL DESTROY, NOT PROTECT! YOU SHALL TERRORIZE THIS TOWN, SO SAYS MY CURSE! EGALA VANTALLA GHENO!
THERE SHE GOES! CAN'T YOU ARREST HER, CHIEF?
SHE'S JUST A KOOK! BESIDES, THERE'S NO LAW AGAINST CASTING SPELLS AND CURSES!
THE CEREMONY'S OVER, FOLKS! DON'T FORGET THE PARTY AT MY HOME TONIGHT IN THE CHIEF'S HONOR!
THAT NIGHT...
OH, THANKS! HOW 'BOUT BRINGING ANOTHER TRAY FOR MY DOG HERE?
YEH! YEH!
CHIEF, YOU DON'T LOOK WELL!
I DON'T FEEL WELL EITHER! MUST BE ALL THIS EXCITE-MENT!
I'LL TAKE YOU UPSTAIRS TO A GUEST ROOM! YOU CAN LIE DOWN FOR A WHILE!

FRED, MR. BREWSTER JUST TOOK THE CHIEF UPSTAIRS TO LIE DOWN! HE'S NOT FEELING WELL!
I'LL GO PEEK IN AND SEE HOW HE'S GETTING ALONG!
HEY! WHO...? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
ARRGGH!
ARRGG!
HEY, WHO'S OLD DOUBLE-UGLY THERE?
IT LOOKS LIKE A MONSTER... BUT... IT'S IN THE CHIEF'S UNIFORM!
VELMA! DAPHNE! GO UPSTAIRS AND CHECK ON THE CHIEF AND MR. BREWSTER!
MEANWHILE, WE'LL FOLLOW THAT WEREWOLF IN CHIEF'S CLOTHING!
MR. BREWSTER! WHAT HAPPENED UP HERE?
I HELPED THE CHIEF UP HERE... THEN HE STARTED CHANGING... CHANGING INTO SOME FIERCE, INHUMAN CREATURE! IT WAS HORRIBLE!

IT'S THAT GYPSY'S CURSE! SHE CHANGED THE CHIEF INTO A TERRIBLE MONSTER!
I'D BETTER GO FIND THE BOYS AND FILL THEM IN!
DOWN THE STREET...
THERE HE IS! HE'S PULLING AT THE SUPPORTS ON THAT BILLBOARD! HE MUST HAVE SUPER STRENGTH, TOO!
TRY MOTHER MAY'S DELECTABLE DOUGHNUTS
GRRRR!
LOOK OUT! HE'S TOSSING THE BILLBOARD AT US! GET DOWN!
GRROWR!
THAT'S A SIGN WE OUGHTA DUCK!
THINGS LIKE THIS NEVER HAPPEN TO OTHER DOGS!
WELL, WHOEVER... AND WHATEVER HE IS, HE GOT AWAY FROM US!
FRED! MR. BREWSTER SAYS HE SAW THE CHIEF TURN INTO THAT RAGING BEAST!
HMM... MAYBE THERE IS SOMETHING TO THIS "CURSE" BUSINESS! ...AND THEN AGAIN...
ANYHOW, WE'D BETTER ASK THE POLICE TO START A CITYWIDE SEARCH!


BUT, AT SUN-UP...
SORRY WE COULDN'T BE OF MORE HELP, OFFICER YORK! WE'VE BEEN RIDING AROUND ALL NIGHT AND STILL NO SIGN OF THE CHIEF!
WE'VE HAD PLENTY OF DAMAGE REPORTS ALL NIGHT BUT HE ALWAYS GETS AWAY!
ATTENTION, ALL CARS! CHIEF KLINE HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN CENTER PARK!
HEAR THAT, OFFICER YORK? MAYBE THIS IS IT!
SHAGGY, VELMA AND SCOOBY, RIDING IN ANOTHER PATROL CAR, ALSO HEAR THE BROADCAST AND BOTH CARS ARRIVE AT THE SCENE...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, CHIEF?
YOU SURE DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU FEEL TOO PRETTY GOOD!
WHAT A NIGHTMARE! WHAT A HORRIBLE, HORRIBLE DREAM! I WAS A MONSTER, SMASHING THINGS, CREATING PANIC...
CHIEF, I'M AFRAID THAT WAS NO DREAM! LAST NIGHT YOU TORE HALF THE TOWN APART!
I CAN RECALL IT ALL VIVIDLY! I NEVER BELIEVED IN GYPSY CURSES, BUT NOW...
I HURRIED OVER HERE AS SOON AS I COULD, CHIEF! STAY AT MY HOUSE TONIGHT! I'LL LOCK YOU IN A ROOM!
THANKS, BREWSTER! I MUSTN'T HAVE ANOTHER NIGHT LIKE THIS ONE!

NEXT EVENING...
I'D FEEL BETTER JUST TO KNOW THE CHIEF IS OKAY TONIGHT!
THAT'S STRANGE! MR. BREWSTER'S FRONT DOOR IS AJAR!
SOMETHING'S AMISS! WHEN YOU HAVE A HOUSE LIKE THIS, YOU DON'T LEAVE THE FRONT DOOR OPEN!
BETTER CHECK UPSTAIRS! MR. BREWSTER SAID HE WAS GOING TO LOCK THE CHIEF IN THE GUEST ROOM!
UPSTAIRS...
MR. BREWSTER!
ZOINKS! THIS PLACE IS A FOUR-STAR MESS!
MR. BREWSTER! WHERE'S THE CHIEF?
HE DID IT AGAIN! HE CHANGED INTO THE BEAST AGAIN... IT WAS AWFUL!
HE WAS GROWLING SOMETHING ABOUT MY ART SHOP AND ABOUT GETTING REVENGE FOR MY LOCKING HIM UP!
VELMA! CALL THE POLICE AND HAVE THEM MEET US AT BREWSTER'S ART SHOPPE ON HIGHTREE ROAD!
MOMENTS LATER...
THE POLICE AREN'T HERE YET! THE GIRLS MUST HAVE HAD SOME TROUBLE GETTING THROUGH!
I HOPE WE HAVE BETTER LUCK WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT! TAKE A LOOK-SEE AT THE STORE!
TERY
HINE

THE CHIEF...ER... THE BEAST SET IT ON FIRE!
AND THERE HE GOES! SCOOBY, YOU CHASE HIM WHILE WE PHONE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!
BREWSTER'S ART SHOP
I GET ALL THE DANGEROUS JOBS! WHY COULDN'T THEY CHASE THE MONSTER AND LET ME CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT?
FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING, I'M ORGANIZING DOG'S LIB!
HEY, THIS IS A DEAD END I'VE CHASED HIM INTO!
SO WHAT IF I CAN'T TALK? IS THAT ANY REASON?
NOW, IF I WERE A POLICE-MAN-TURNED-MONSTER, WHERE WOULD I HIDE? I WONDER WHAT HE'S UP TO!

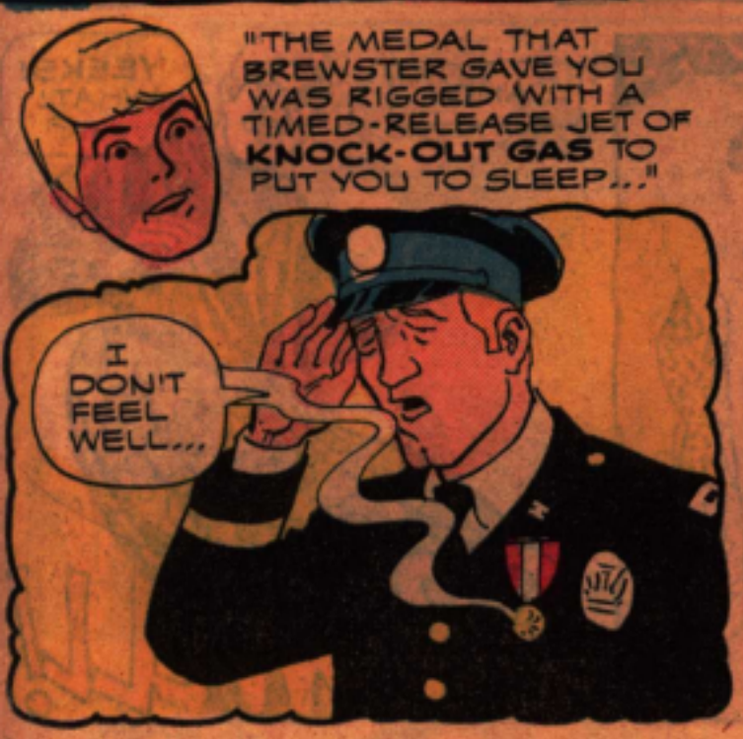
THE ONLY THING I SEE AROUND HERE IS MY REFLECTION IN THIS OLD MIRROR! THERE'S MY CUTE LITTLE NOSE...MY BABY BROWN EYES... THE MONSTER LEAPING TOWARDS ME...
MONSTER?? LEAPING... ??
YIKES!
ARRGHH!
KA-RASSH!
EITHER SOMEONE JUST THREW AWAY ONE VERY LARGE, VERY FIERCE TEDDY BEAR...OR THAT WAS THE CHIEF THAT JUST KA-RASSHED ON THAT TRASH CAN!
THE FIREMEN ARE ARRIVING, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THERE'S MUCH OF THE SHOP LEFT!
HEY, HERE'S SCOOBY! HE WANTS US TO FOLLOW HIM! COME ON!
BUT...
THE MONSTER... I MEAN, THE CHIEF GOT AWAY!
RIGHT BOTH TIMES, FRED...THE CHIEF IS A GENUINE MONSTER, POOR GUY!

NEXT MORNING...
GEE, THE FIREMEN COULDN'T SAVE ANY OF THE PAINTINGS!
WE'RE REALLY UPSET ABOUT THIS, MR. BREWSTER...
UPSET!? YOU'RE NOT ONE-HUNDREDTH AS UPSET AS I AM, YOUNG MAN! THE CHIEF IS A MENACE! I'M THROUGH HELPING HIM! I MAY EVEN RUN AGAINST HIM FOR MAYOR!
DON'T WORRY, BREWSTER! I'M QUITTING MY JOB AND THE MAYOR'S RACE!
THE CHIEF!
IS THIS WHAT I DID TO YOUR SHOP, BREWSTER? I CAN REMEMBER SETTING THE FIRE...
WE FOUND HIM DOWN BY THE LAKE!
CAN YOU POSSIBLY FORGIVE ME, BREWSTER? THE PAINTINGS ARE INSURED...
I CANNOT FORGIVE YOU!
AND THE INSURANCE MONEY WILL BE SMALL COMPENSATION FOR THE LOSS OF THESE ART TREASURES!
TAKE ME TO THE HOSPITAL, YORK! I'VE LOST MY JOB, MY FRIENDS, MY RESPECT...
...ALL BECAUSE OF AN OLD GYPSY'S CURSE! WHO WOULD EVER HAVE BELIEVED IT?
HE'S RIGHT! WHO WOULD EVER HAVE BELIEVED IT?
I DON'T, FOR ONE! LET'S GO SCARE UP A COUPLE OF TAPE RECORDERS ...I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

LATER...
I'LL WAIT A FEW DAYS BEFORE I FILE A CLAIM FOR THE INSURANCE MONEY...
CHIEF RESIGNS
...I DON'T WANT TO APPEAR TOO ANXIOUS!
GRRR!
KNOCK OFF THE CUTE STUFF, MIKE! I PAID YOU, SO TAKE OFF THAT SILLY COSTUME!
TRICK OR TREAT, BREWSTER! I'M NOT MIKE, I'M SHAGGY!
HUH? WHAT IS THIS?
IT'S PROOF THAT YOU HIRED SOMEONE NAMED "MIKE" TO PRETEND TO BE THE CHIEF GOING ON A RAMPAGE!
WE USED THIS TAPE RECORDER TO SIMULATE A GROWLING NOISE...
GRRRR...
...AND I USED THIS RECORDER TO PICK UP YOUR "CONFESSION"!
YOU CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING!
WE CAN PROVE THAT THOSE BURNED PAINTINGS AT YOUR SHOP WERE BURNED FORGERIES! WE HAD THE POLICE LAB RUN SOME TESTS!

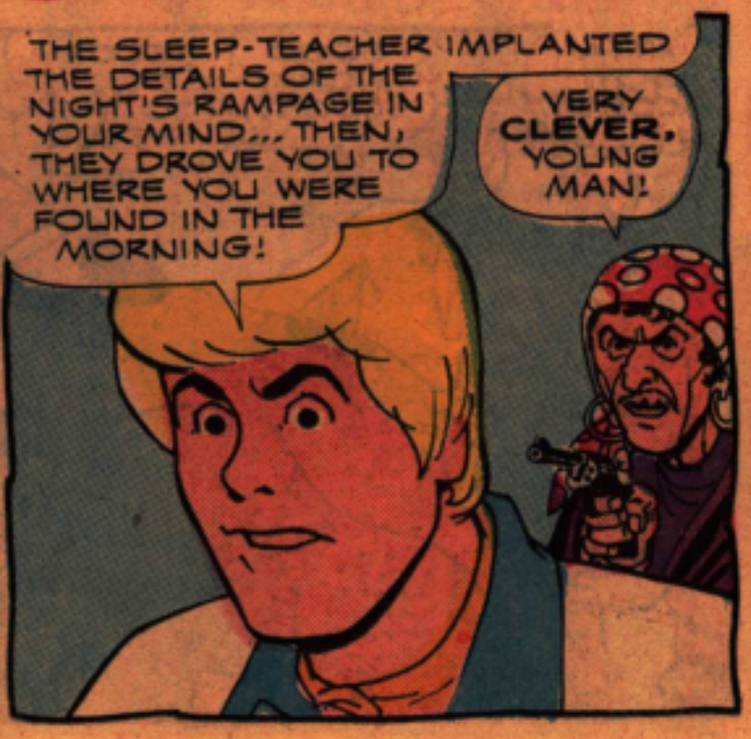
AND WE CAN PROVE THAT THE BILLBOARD THE "BEAST" KNOCKED DOWN HAD BEEN **SAWED-THROUGH** EARLIER... **NOT** BROKEN!
THE BREAK WAS TOO SMOOTH! THAT'S WHAT FIRST MADE FRED SUSPICIOUS!

I **STILL** DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND ALL THIS, FRED!
IT WAS ALL A TRICK TO GET YOU OUT OF THE MAYOR'S RACE, CHIEF... AND TO FINANCE BREWSTER'S CAMPAIGN!


"THE MEDAL THAT BREWSTER GAVE YOU WAS RIGGED WITH A TIMED-RELEASE JET OF **KNOCK-OUT GAS** TO PUT YOU TO SLEEP..."
I DON'T FEEL WELL...

"WHILE YOU WERE ASLEEP, THIS MIKE FELLOW RAN AROUND IN THE BEAST COSTUME, DOING DESTRUCTION...

"AFTER HE ELUDED US, MIKE WOULD SNEAK BACK AND HELP BREWSTER USE A **SLEEP-TEACHER** ON YOU, LIKE PEOPLE USE TO LEARN FOREIGN LANGUAGES!"


THE SLEEP-TEACHER IMPLANTED THE DETAILS OF THE NIGHT'S RAMPAGE IN YOUR MIND... THEN, THEY DROVE YOU TO WHERE YOU WERE FOUND IN THE MORNING!
VERY **CLEVER,** YOUNG MAN!

THE GYPSY!
I'VE GOT LOTSA DISGUISES... I ALSO PLAYED THE BEAST! THE NAME IS MIKE!
YOU KNOW, YOU LOOKED A LOT PRETTIER WITH THE BEAST MASK ON!
COOL IT, WEIRD BEARD! WE'RE TYING UP YOU KIDS AND THE CHIEF WHILE WE GET OUT OF TOWN!
AS SCOOBY SNIFFS ALONG, HIS NOSE PUSHES THE TAPE RECORDER BUTTON...
CLICK
...AND...
YEEKS! WHAT! ...?
GROWLL!
ATTA BOY, SCOOB!
GOOD WORK, SCOOBY!
SCOOBY DOO TO THE RESCUE!
GET OFFA ME, YOU OVER-GROWN POODLE!

SO... THEY FOUND THE REAL PAINTINGS IN BREWSTER'S BASEMENT! HE WAS GOING TO USE THE INSURANCE MONEY FROM THE BURNED, PHONY ONES TO PAY FOR HIS MAYOR'S CAMPAIGN!
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU ALL!
JUST BE A GOOD POLICE CHIEF...
CHIEF OF POLICE
...OR A GOOD MAYOR! TAKE YOUR PICK!
GEE, WASN'T SCOOBY BRAVE!
IT TOOK A LOT OF COURAGE TO TACKLE THAT CROOK!
AT LAST, THEY APPRECIATE ME!
EEP! MORE MONSTERS!
GRRR!
GEE, WE DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE YOUR DOG! WE'RE JUST OUT TRICK-OR-TREATING!
HEY! THAT'S RIGHT! TONIGHT'S HALLOWEEN!
HE'S FAINTED! SO MUCH FOR COURAGE...
THEY'RE JUST NOT MAKING HEROIC DOGS LIKE THEY USED TO!
THE END

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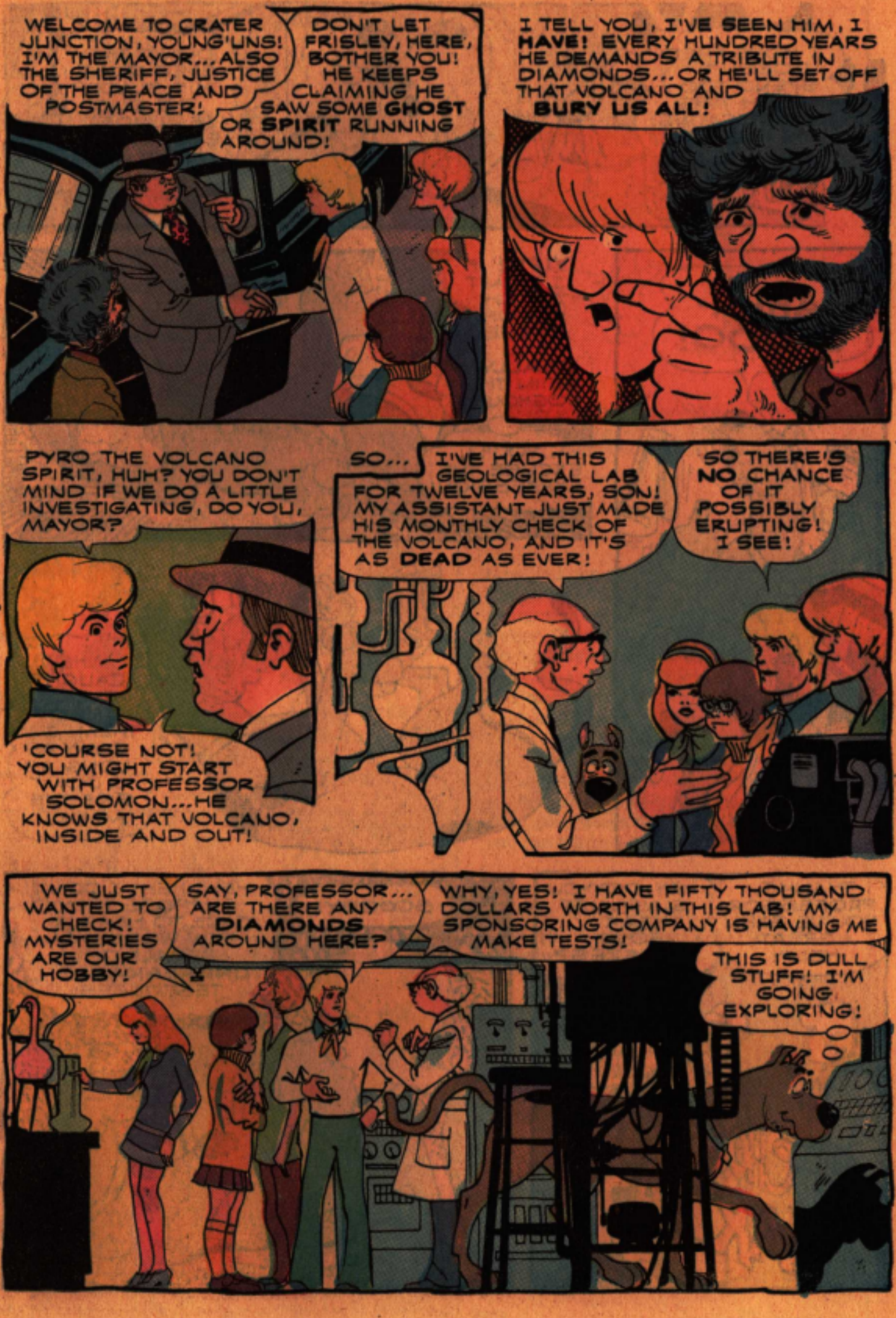
TRIBUTE IN FLAMES
HARDLY ANYTHING EVER HAPPENS ON AN OLD COUNTRY ROAD, EXCEPT MAYBE AN OCCASIONAL CHICKEN CROSSING! BUT LEAVE IT TO OUR HEROES, TRAVELING THROUGH, TO GET STOPPED BY THE BEGINNINGS OF A MYSTERY...
HEY, MISTER, HOW COME YOU STOPPED OUR VAN?
IS SOME-THING WRONG?
SOMETHING'S VERY, VERY WRONG, YOUNG ONES! I'M COLLECTING TRIBUTE PAYMENT TO SAVE OUR TOWN FROM TOTAL INCINERATION!
STOP! PAY TRIBUTE HERE
CITY LIMITS
WELCOME TO CRATER JUNCTION
POP. 8,700
TRIBUTE PAYMENT? MIND EXPLAINING THAT, MISTER? WHO'S THIS TRIBUTE PAYMENT FOR?
FOR PYRO, THE SPIRIT OF THE VOLCANO, THAT'S WHO! EVERY HUNDRED YEARS HE REAPPEARS TO DEMAND TRIBUTE...
NOW HOLD ON THERE, FRISLEY! I KINDA FIGURED I'D FIND YOU OUT HERE, SCARING PEOPLE WITH THOSE CRAZY STORIES OF YOURS!
BUT, MAYOR DORF...


WELCOME TO CRATER JUNCTION, YOUNG'UNS! I'M THE MAYOR... ALSO THE SHERIFF, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND POSTMASTER!
DON'T LET FRISLEY, HERE, BOTHER YOU! HE KEEPS CLAIMING HE SAW SOME GHOST OR SPIRIT RUNNING AROUND!
I TELL YOU, I'VE SEEN HIM, I HAVE! EVERY HUNDRED YEARS HE DEMANDS A TRIBUTE IN DIAMONDS... OR HE'LL SET OFF THAT VOLCANO AND BURY US ALL!
PYRO THE VOLCANO SPIRIT, HUH? YOU DON'T MIND IF WE DO A LITTLE INVESTIGATING, DO YOU, MAYOR?
'COURSE NOT! YOU MIGHT START WITH PROFESSOR SOLOMON... HE KNOWS THAT VOLCANO, INSIDE AND OUT!
SO...
I'VE HAD THIS GEOLOGICAL LAB FOR TWELVE YEARS, SON! MY ASSISTANT JUST MADE HIS MONTHLY CHECK OF THE VOLCANO, AND IT'S AS DEAD AS EVER!
SO THERE'S NO CHANCE OF IT POSSIBLY ERUPTING! I SEE!
WE JUST WANTED TO CHECK! MYSTERIES ARE OUR HOBBY!
SAY, PROFESSOR... ARE THERE ANY DIAMONDS AROUND HERE?
WHY, YES! I HAVE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH IN THIS LAB! MY SPONSORING COMPANY IS HAVING ME MAKE TESTS!
THIS IS DULL STUFF! I'M GOING EXPLORING!

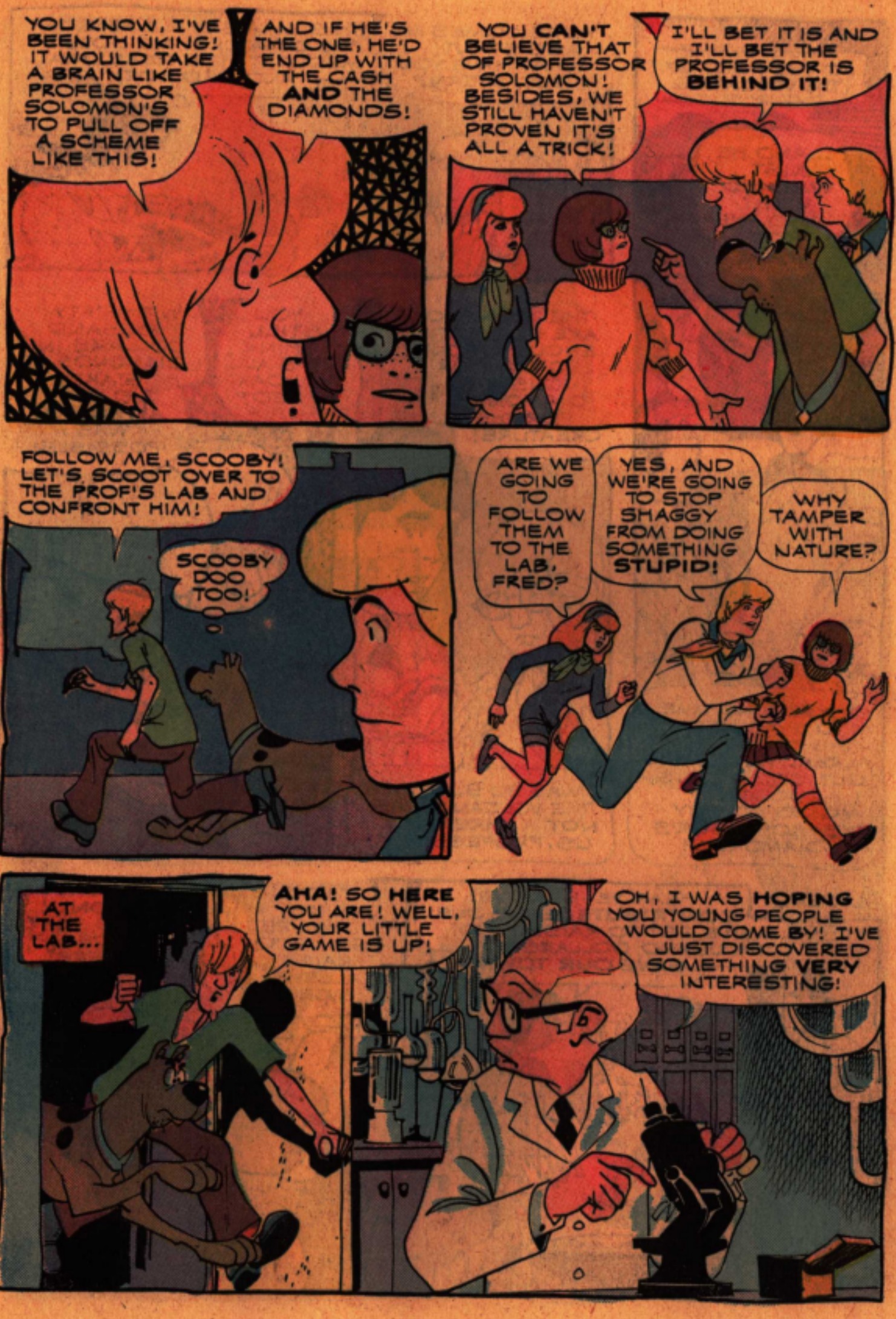
I HOPE FRED DOESN'T SPEND TOO MUCH TIME INVESTIGATING! I'M HUNGRY!
DON'T THEY EVER DUST THIS PLACE? THE DUST IS ALMOST ENOUGH TO MAKE ME...
AHHH-CHOOO!
YIPE! IF I DON'T CATCH ALL OF THESE, I'LL REALLY BE IN THE DOGHOUSE!
...YOU'LL EXCUSE THE EXPRESSION!
WHEW! CAUGHT EVERY ONE OF THEM! I'M OKAY AS LONG AS I DON'T SNEEZE AGAIN...
THANKS, PROFESSOR! YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP!
HEY, DID YOU GUYS JUST HEAR SOME SNEEZES?
AHH-CHOO! KARRASH!
SCOOBY!
HEH! HEH! I DON'T SUPPOSE THEY'D CARE TO HEAR A FEW WORDS ON BEHALF OF UNBREAKABLE TEST TUBES...

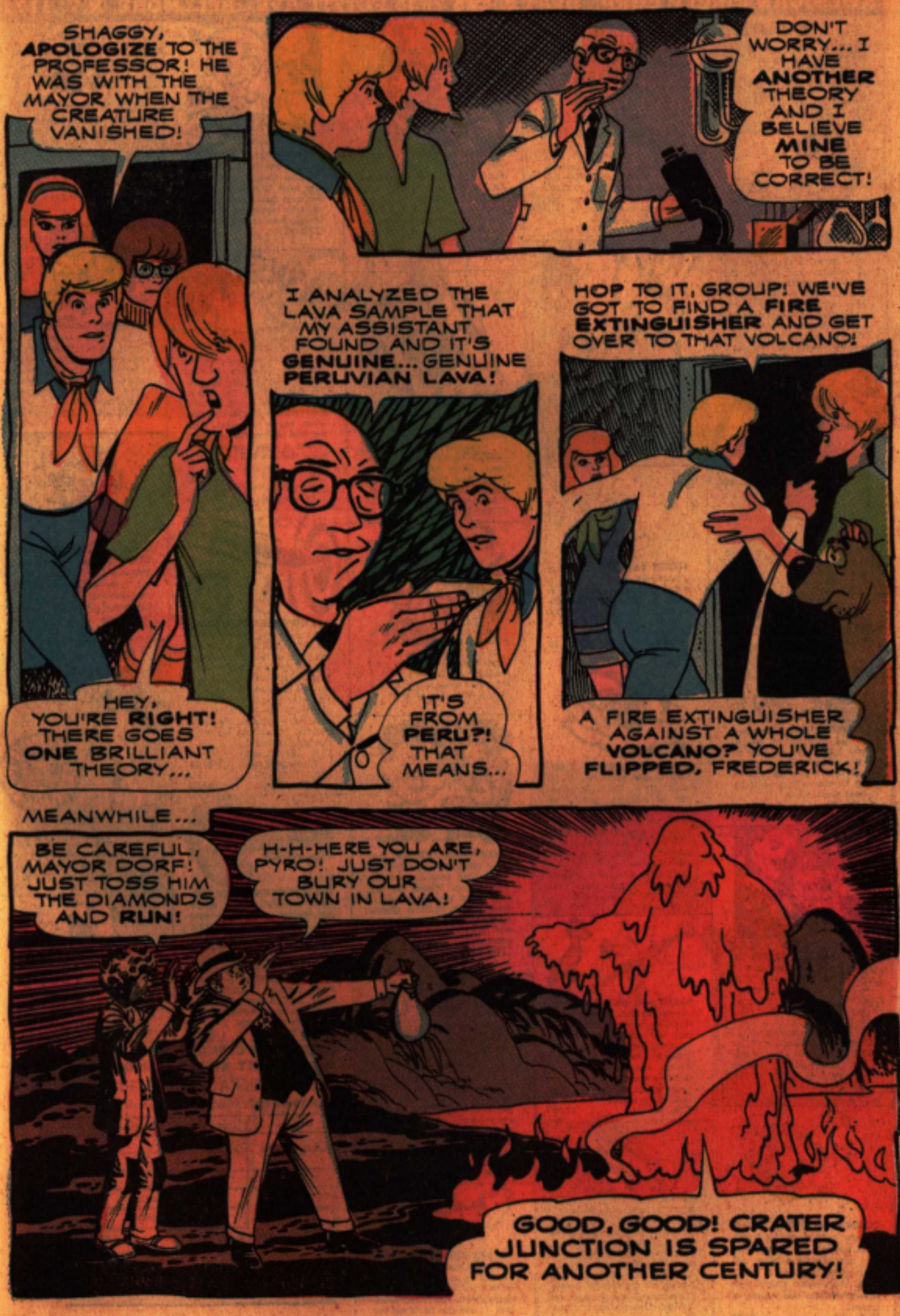
SHORTLY...
I'LL HAVE THE SUPER-COLOSSAL CHEESE-BURGER WITH EVERYTHING ON IT! AND BRING ONE FOR OLD **CLUMSY** HERE!
THINK THERE'S ANYTHING TO THIS "VOLCANO SPIRIT" STUFF, FRED?
THE PROFESSOR HAS FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF DIAMONDS!
YOU THINK IT'S A TRICK TO **STEAL** THEM?
THERE YOU ARE! I NEED **WITNESSES!** HE'S OUT THERE! I JUST SAW **PYRO** AGAIN!
WE'LL CHECK IT OUT... BUT THIS BETTER NOT BE SOME KIND OF TRICK!
OUTSIDE...
THERE HE IS! I SAW IT! I **TOLD** YOU I SAW IT!
I SEE IT, TOO!
I **HEAR** HIM, TOO! GIVE A LISTEN...
ASSEMBLE, TOWNSMEN! ASSEMBLE TO HEAR THE DECREE OF PYRO!

GATHER AT THE FOOT OF MY DOMAIN, TOWNSPEOPLE!
HE...HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S MADE OUT OF...
...OUT OF MOLTEN LAVA!
EITHER THAT OR HE'S GOT THE WORST SUNBURN ON RECORD!
WHAT'S COMING OFF HERE?
LISTEN, MAYOR!
I CLAIM MY OFFERING OF CARBON... CARBON IN ITS PUREST FORM!
YOU HAVE ONE HOUR TO PRESENT THAT OFFERING OR YOUR TOWN WILL BE BURIED IN RIVERS OF FLAME!
PURE CARBON...THAT'S DIAMONDS!
I TOLD YOU WE'D HAVE TO RAISE MONEY TO BUY DIAMONDS!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE!
COME ON, SHAGGY! LET'S GET A CLOSE-UP LOOK AT THIS SPOOK!
I CAN SEE HIM FINE FROM HERE!

COME ON! ARE YOU A MAN OR A MOUSE?
WANNA SEE ME SQUEAK AND EAT CHEESE?
LOOK AT THIS!
HASN'T HE HEARD ABOUT THAT STUFF YOU SPRAY ON HOT, BURNING FEET?
I SEE IT, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
I BELIEVE IT, BUT I DON'T SEE IT!
FEEL THAT HEAT! IT MUST BE TWO HUNDRED DEGREES DOWN THERE!
AND HE'S WADING RIGHT DOWN INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE LAVA! WHEW!

AT THE FOOT OF THE VOLCANO...
...AND HE JUST WALKED RIGHT INTO THE HOT LAVA!
THERE'S NO TIME TO EVACUATE THE TOWN! I'VE ALREADY GOT MEN OUT COLLECTING ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY THE PROFESSOR'S DIAMONDS!
HERE COMES MY ASSISTANT! WHAT HAVE YOU GOT, STERN?
THIS LAVA SAMPLE FELL OFF THE CREATURE! NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! IT'S REAL LAVA... AND RED HOT!
THE TOWNSFOLK ARE COLLECTING ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY OUR INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS FOR THE CREATURE!
I WAS SO SURE THAT THE VOLCANO WAS NOT A THREAT TO US, PROFESSOR!
YOU STILL THINK IT'S ALL A HOAX, FRED?
WITH FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN DIAMONDS AT STAKE, I'D SAY ANYTHING WAS POSSIBLE!
LATER...
HEAR YE, HEAR YE! CONTRIBUTE, EVERYONE! WE'VE GOT TO RAISE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO SAVE OUR TOWN!
RING! RING!
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO RAISE ALL THE MONEY!
THE MONEY'S THE ONLY THING THAT ADDS UP HERE!


YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN THINKING! IT WOULD TAKE A BRAIN LIKE PROFESSOR SOLOMON'S TO PULL OFF A SCHEME LIKE THIS!
AND IF HE'S THE ONE, HE'D END UP WITH THE CASH AND THE DIAMONDS!
YOU CAN'T BELIEVE THAT OF PROFESSOR SOLOMON! BESIDES, WE STILL HAVEN'T PROVEN IT'S ALL A TRICK!
I'LL BET IT IS AND I'LL BET THE PROFESSOR IS BEHIND IT!
FOLLOW ME, SCOOBY! LET'S SCOOT OVER TO THE PROF'S LAB AND CONFRONT HIM!
SCOOBY DOO TOO!
ARE WE GOING TO FOLLOW THEM TO THE LAB, FRED?
YES, AND WE'RE GOING TO STOP SHAGGY FROM DOING SOMETHING STUPID!
WHY TAMPER WITH NATURE?
AT THE LAB...
AHA! SO HERE YOU ARE! WELL, YOUR LITTLE GAME IS UP!
OH, I WAS HOPING YOU YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD COME BY! I'VE JUST DISCOVERED SOMETHING VERY INTERESTING!


SHAGGY, APOLOGIZE TO THE PROFESSOR! HE WAS WITH THE MAYOR WHEN THE CREATURE VANISHED!
DON'T WORRY... I HAVE ANOTHER THEORY AND I BELIEVE MINE TO BE CORRECT!
HEY, YOU'RE RIGHT! THERE GOES ONE BRILLIANT THEORY...
I ANALYZED THE LAVA SAMPLE THAT MY ASSISTANT FOUND AND IT'S GENUINE... GENUINE PERUVIAN LAVA!
IT'S FROM PERU?! THAT MEANS...
HOP TO IT, GROUP! WE'VE GOT TO FIND A FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND GET OVER TO THAT VOLCANO!
A FIRE EXTINGUISHER AGAINST A WHOLE VOLCANO? YOU'VE FLIPPED, FREDERICK!
MEANWHILE...
BE CAREFUL, MAYOR DORF! JUST TOSS HIM THE DIAMONDS AND RUN!
H-H-HERE YOU ARE, PYRO! JUST DON'T BURY OUR TOWN IN LAVA!
GOOD, GOOD! CRATER JUNCTION IS SPARED FOR ANOTHER CENTURY!

THERE'S THE MAYOR, ABOUT TO TURN OVER THE DIAMONDS!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT! THAT PYRO IS AS PHONY AS THEY COME!
MAYOR, RUN! AND I DON'T MEAN FOR OFFICE! I'M GOING TO PUT THAT SPOOK OUT OF BUSINESS RIGHT NOW!
WHAT IS THIS?
FIRST, WE EXTINGUISH THE RING OF FIRE! THEN, WE YANK OFF THAT FIREPROOF COSTUME!
SWISSSH!
(SPUT!) YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO PYRO THE SPIRIT...
TAKE OVER, SCOOBY! HE'S HARMLESS NOW!
AND THAT'S THE KIND OF MONSTER I PREFER!
ONE VOLCANO SPIRIT... GOING DOWN!

AND HERE THEY COME!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS!
HELP! HELP!
THEY CAN'T SAY I DIDN'T GIVE HIM A TUMBLE!
I HOPE YOU'LL EXPLAIN THIS!
GLADLY, BUT FIRST... THE BIG UNMASKING! UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, THIS IS PROFESSOR SOLOMON'S ASSISTANT!
YOU WERE RIGHT! IT'S STERN!
YEAH, IT'S STERN, ALL RIGHT! HOW DID YOU FIGURE OUT IT WAS A TRICK?
THAT LAVA SAMPLE YOU DOCTORED TO BE RED HOT... IT WAS AN OLD SAMPLE FROM PERU!
MY WORD! THAT'S MY ASSISTANT! BUT, WHY...?
HE WAS THE ONLY ONE IN A POSITION TO RIG UP THE VOLCANO WITH HEATERS AND FIREWORKS EFFECTS!
THAT'S RIGHT... HE INSPECTED IT! HE COULD FIX IT TO APPEAR ABOUT TO ERUPT!

HE BUILT THIS COSTUME OVER ONE OF THE FIREPROOF LAB SUITS!
BUT WHY WOULD HE DO ALL THIS TO STEAL DIAMONDS? HE WORKED IN THE LAB! COULDN'T HE HAVE JUST SWIPED THEM?
I THINK HE ALREADY DID! THIS WHOLE SCHEME WAS PROBABLY DESIGNED TO GET RID OF THE PHONY DIAMONDS HE PLANTED IN THEIR PLACE!
YOU'RE RIGHT! YOU'LL FIND THE REAL ONES IN MY CLOSET AT HOME!
BUT I TRUSTED HIM... I...
HE HAD TO GET RID OF THE SUBSTITUTE DIAMONDS, PROF! YOU WOULD HAVE DISCOVERED THEY WERE FAKES!
WELL, YOU SAVED OUR TOWN A LOT OF MONEY! WE WANT TO HONOR YOU IN SOME WAY...
RIGHT NOW, WE COULD USE SOMETHING TO EAT!
SCOOBY TOO!
SO...
YOU HEARD ME RIGHT... FOR DESSERT I WANT A SIRLOIN STEAK! AND BRING ONE FOR THE HERO HERE!
EVERY YEAR, CRATER JUNCTION WILL CELEBRATE THIS DAY AS SCOOBY DOO DAY!
RIGHT! EVERY DOG MUST HAVE HIS DAY!